

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 26, please amend the first paragraph as follows:

The second end 58 of the tubular fitting 22' nests snugly in the receptacle 82 with the bead 86 extended into the groove 84. In this position, a first cam surface 96 on the threaded element 24' facially abuts to a second cam surface 98 on the sealing assembly 28'. With the first and second cam surfaces 96, 98 viewed in cross section in a plane extending through the axis 54, as shown in Fig. 4, the first and second cam surfaces 94, 98 have a straight shape extending along a line L that is non-parallel to the axis 54. The cam surfaces 96, 98 and axis 54 make an acute angle that opens axially oppositely to an axial assembly direction for the tubular fitting 22'.

Please amend the paragraph spanning pages 27 and 28 as follows:

At the moment of initial contact between the surfaces 76, 40, the sealing portion 78 of the sealing assembly 28' is in a first state, as shown in Figs. 4 and 5. At this point, continued rotation of the threaded element 24' causes the first cam surface 96 on the threaded element 24' to be born forcibly against the second cam surface 98 on the sealing assembly 28', with the sealing assembly 28' blocked against the axially facing surface 40. This action causes a positive seal to be developed between the first sealing surface 76 and the axially facing surface 40, and at the same time causes the cam surfaces 96, 98 to interact so that the sealing portion 78 is wedged radially inwardly in the vicinity of the cam surfaces 96, 98 by reason of the one of the surface 98 being angled and a force being exerted directly thereon by the surface 96. As the threaded element 24' achieves a

secured position, as seen in Fig. 6, the sealing portion 78 assumes a deformed state, wherein the second sealing surface 80 is moved radially inwardly against the radially outwardly facing surface 32 on the port 14' at the unthreaded portion 38. With the threaded element 24' tightened to the secured position, shown in Fig. 6, the first sealing surface 76 is positively borne against the axially facing surface 40, fully around the axis 54, and the second sealing surface 80 positively seals fully around the unthreaded portion 38 of the port 14'. With this arrangement, all potential paths of egress of foreign material to between the threads 16', 26' are positively blocked by the threaded element 24', and the sealing assembly 28' cooperating therewith.